

In the Claims**Claims 1-20** (Cancelled)**21.** (New) An article comprising:

a positioning plate, wherein said positioning plate has a first end, a second end, and a first elongated opening, and wherein said first elongated opening has a long axis that is aligned with a first direction;

a support plate, wherein:

said support plate has a first end, a second end, and a second elongated opening;

said second elongated opening in said support plate has a long axis that is aligned with a second direction;

said first direction and said second direction are not coincident; and

said positioning plate and said support plate are engaged to one another via said first elongated opening and said second elongated opening; and

a positioner, wherein said positioner mechanically couples to one of said first end or said second end of at least one of either said positioning plate or said support plate, and wherein said positioner moves said mechanically coupled first end or second end in a third direction that is different from said first direction and said second direction.

22. (New) The article of claim 21 wherein said first direction and said second direction are orthogonal to one another and define a first plane.

23. (New) The article of claim 22 wherein said third direction does not lie in said first plane.

24. (New) The article of claim 22 wherein said third direction is orthogonal to said first plane.

25. (New) The article of claim 22 further comprising a support member, wherein said support member is disposed on an underlying surface, and wherein said support member and said positioning plate engage one another, such that said support member supports said positioning plate and said support plate above said underlying surface.

26. (New) The article of claim 25 wherein said support member comprises two, spaced, upright members, wherein said two upright members are suitably dimensioned and spaced for receiving said first and second end of said positioning plate.

27. (New) The article of claim 26 wherein facing sides of said upright members have a plurality of slots for engaging said first end or said second end of said positioning plate, and wherein selection of particular slots from said plurality of slots controls a height of said positioning plate above said underlying surface.

28. (New) The article of claim 27 wherein said long axis of said second elongated opening in said support plate is aligned with a vertical direction, thereby providing an ability to adjust a height of said support plate above said underlying surface independently of said height of said positioning plate.

29. (New) The article of claim 21 wherein said support plate comprises:
a major surface in which said second elongated hole is disposed;
an upper marginal portion that depends from a top of said major surface, wherein said upper marginal portion comprises an array of holes;
a lower marginal portion that depends from a bottom of said major surface, wherein said lower marginal portion comprises an array of holes, and wherein said array of holes in said lower marginal portion align with said array of holes in said upper marginal portion.

30. (New) The article of claim 29 further comprising:
a plurality of valves; and
a plurality of nozzles, wherein each of said valves is coupled to one of said nozzles;
wherein said nozzles are received in said array of holes in said upper marginal portion and said lower marginal portion of said support plate.

31. (New) The article of claim 30 further comprising a plurality of fasteners for fastening said valves and said nozzles to said support plate, wherein said fasteners have eccentrically disposed holes that receive said valves or said nozzles, such that when said fasteners are rotated, said valves and said nozzles tilt relative to said second direction.

32. (New) The article of claim 30 further comprising a plurality of fluid-delivery conduits, wherein said fluid-delivery conduits are in fluid communication with said plurality of valves.

33. (New) The article of claim 32 further comprising a reservoir having a plurality of chambers that are in fluid communication with said plurality of said fluid-delivery conduits.

34. (New) An article comprising a positioner having multiple degrees of freedom, comprising:

- a first plate, wherein said first plate has a first elongated opening having a long axis that is aligned with a first horizontal axis;

- a second plate, wherein:

- said second plate has a second elongated opening having a long axis that is aligned with a vertical axis;

- said first plate and said second plate are coupled to one another via said first elongated opening and said second elongated opening;

- a positioner, wherein:

- said positioner moves an end of said first plate and said second plate along a second horizontal axis;

- said second horizontal axis is out-of-plane relative to a major surface of said first plate; and

- due to movement of said end of said first plate and said second plate, said major surface of said first plate moves to an orientation that is not parallel to its orientation before said movement.

35. (New) The article of claim 34 further comprising a support member, wherein said support member receives said first plate at a variable height.

36. (New) The article of claim 34 wherein said second plate comprises:
a major surface in which said second elongated hole is disposed;
an upper marginal portion that depends from a top of said major surface, wherein said upper marginal portion comprises an array of holes; and
a lower marginal portion that depends from a bottom of said major surface, wherein said lower marginal portion comprises an array of holes, and wherein said array of holes in said lower marginal portion align with said array of holes in said upper marginal portion to define a plurality of vertically-disposed receivers.

37. (New) The article of claim 36 further comprising:
a plurality of valves; and
a plurality of nozzles, wherein each of said valves is coupled to one of said nozzles, wherein:
said nozzles are received by said plurality of vertically-disposed receivers; and
a diameter of said holes that define said vertically-disposed receivers is larger than an outside diameter of said nozzles.

38. (New) The article of claim 37 further comprising a plurality of fasteners for fastening said valves and said nozzles to said vertically-disposed receivers of said second plate, wherein said fasteners have eccentrically-disposed holes that receive said valves or said nozzles, such that when said fasteners are rotated, said valves and said nozzles tilt relative to said vertical direction.